

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6 and 14-29 been canceled without prejudice. The limitations of Claim 6 have been included in Claim 1. The amendment of Claim 1 is further supported in the present specification at page 22, first paragraph. Claim 13 has been amended as supported by the specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-7 and 9-13 will now be active in this application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Dote for the helpful discussion with Applicant's representative on June 28, 2007. The Examiner indicated that she may be willing to accept a Certified English Translation of the priority document (enclosed herewith) together with an amendment of Claim 1 claiming that "no oil per A4 size" are used as supported in the present specification at page 22, first paragraph. According to the Examiner this may overcome the rejections over Emoto '074. Accordingly, in view of the amendment of Claim 1 and the Certified English translation of JP 2002-358435 (filed December 10, 2002), the rejections over Emoto '074 should be withdrawn.

Further, regarding the rejections of Claims 1-5, 9, 10 and 13, over Tanikawa, Emoto'116, JP'331, Suwabe, Waki and Hachisuka, are obviated as the limitations of Claim 6 have been included in Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 13, the Examiner noted that she would like to see some more details in the claim connecting the step of supplying the toner to the latent electrostatic image and developing the latent electrostatic image with the steps of Claim 1. Claim 13 has been amended accordingly. Thus, the rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, is obviated by the amendment of Claim 13.

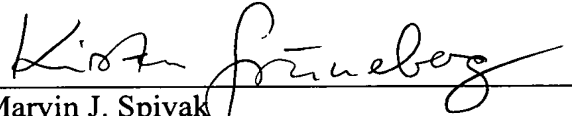
Non-elected Claims 14-29 have been canceled as the Examiner indicated that rejoinder may not be possible.

The Examiner has not considered the related cases 06/675,329 and 06/825,998 because she states that she did not receive the claims, abstract and drawings etc. However, both related cases were abandoned as noted in the List of Related Cases filed March 9, 2004.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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